## Joint Task Force Guantanamo

Safe, Humane, Legal, Transparent



There are approximately 1,300 personnel assigned to the Joint Detention Group (JDG). The guard force, which is distributed throughout all seven camps, conducts detainee checks a minimum of every three minutes.

Communal camps receive family style meals, while non-compliant camps receive hand served meals by the guard force. For each intra-camp detained movement two guards are required, while four guards are required for inter-camp movements. Detaineds are under observation at all times, including during humanities programs, during recreation and at all appointments.

The guard force consists of both Army and Navy personnel. Guards receive pre-deployment training before arriving to ensure they are professionally prepared for all standards and requirements. A mock facility was created for guard personnel. In addition to pre-deployment training, on-the-job training is conducted upon arrival to Joint Task Force Guantanamo.



JDG guards work 12-hour shifts with a schedule of four days on and two days off. Guards are deployed or PCS'd (Permanent Change of Station) here for one year.

Clear standard operating procedures are strictly adhered to at all times. In addition, standardization teams conduct internal audits to ensure procedures stay or conducted to be as followed. There is daily, active, on-site supervision by the chain of command.

Detainee assaults on the guard force occur on a regular basis. Guards who are assaulted, both verbally and physically, shower, change clothes and than are medically and mentally evaluated before continuing their watch. The guards are given the opportunity to leave their shift or talk to someone from the Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team (JSMART). Most choose to shower, change and resume their shift at work.

There are many support elements that contribute to the JDG mission, to include:

- Behavioral Science Consultant Team
- JSMART
- Linguist
- Staff Judge Advocate
- Cultural Advisor

Behavioral Science Consultants (BSCs) are psychologists not assigned to clinical practice functions but to provide consultative services to support authorized law detention and intelligence activities. BSCs employ their professional training, not in a provider-patient relationship, but in relation to a person who is the subject of a lawful governmental inquiry, assessment, investigation, adjudication or other proper action.

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